

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

DECEMBER 13, 2004

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell NA; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point NA; Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie NA; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds NA; Debbie Abraham, Felida NA; Dick Durland, Sherwood Hills NA; Holly Gaya Clark Co. PIO; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows NA; Bridget Schwarz, FOCC; Milada Allen ??; Bob Collins, North Salmon Creek.

Doug announced that he was part of a panel interviewing prospective attendees to the three military academies. They interviewed high school seniors and Doug was part of the panel that helped prepare the students for the interview. He interviewed Dan Lowrie and said he was a good student, active in athletics and anxious to go to the Air Force Academy but would be happy at any of the three. There are 30 under consideration from the State of Washington.

Bridget Schwarz announced that her idea of NACCC recognizing an employee of the year was well received by Bill Barron, County Administrator and he suggested that we proceed with our plans. February 4 is employee recognition day and that would be the appropriate time to announce our winner. Doug asked Bridget to lead the group in the selection process and asked for criteria input from everyone. The nominees will be brought to the January meeting. We want to keep it a surprise. Bridget wants suggestions.

Susan Gilbert gave the group an update of the Cowlitz/Mohegan development plans. She announced that the hard work of all the concerned citizens paid off with the tribe now preparing a full EIS on the 152-acre parcel. The scoping meeting held by the BIA brought out from a host of citizens many environmental concerns, from traffic to schools, to detrimental effects on small businesses. The draft EIS may be ready as early as June but no date has been put forth. There will be one more opportunity for the public to weigh in when the draft EIS is ready for review. She encouraged everyone to get involved when the draft is available and reminded everyone that this will be the largest single development Clark County has ever seen and that it will affect every citizen in our county.

Doug and Bud Van Cleve gave a report on a meeting with Bruce Anderson, who originally helped us with our strategic plan. He is doing a community project with funding from the State called "Welcoming Communities", involving i.e. those with disabilities, youth, elderly, etc. He thought it would be a project that neighborhood associations could get involved with. They met with Bruce 3-4 weeks ago to talk about project and how neighborhoods could participate and tie neighborhoods in with youth. Doug came up with an action plan involving Tom Hagley of the school district. The idea was floated about a youth board in NACCC and neighborhoods which would make decisions about what projects would be good. NACCC needs volunteers to sit down with Tom to work this out. Schools have requirements for community involvement and service. Bruce will offer leadership training. They are looking to the top 5% of students. We could then give a youth award for a project they take on. It has been difficult to get youth involved. A committee was formed to meet with Tom Hagley: Art Stubbs, Bud Van Cleve, Doug Ballou, George Vartanian, and Milada Allen.

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Bob Collins – North Salmon Creek – Bob announced that the county commissioners enacted emergency legislation to allow mitigation of wetlands to be carried out off site. It would be retroactive. He did not have the full story but it was indicated by Commissioner Pridemore that the attorney advised that it was illegal to remand back to the hearings officer and that they needed to enact legislation to allow matters to be brought back to the hearings officer. Bob was not sure that this was accurate.

Bud Van Cleve of North Hazel Dell announced their annual Xmas party for the kids is up and running. They expect between 250 and 300 kids at Sara J Anderson School on December 21. The NA partnered with the PTA. They received donations from many businesses, including HP, Yard n Garden Land, Burgerville, McDonalds, Applebees, and involvement by the sheriff's and fire departments. Bud expects every kid will get a present wrapped by the residents of an assisted living facility.

Bud also announced that the domestic violence residence supported by the YWCA needs personal hygiene products so Bud is doing up 12 baskets and asked NACCC to help throughout the year. It is the only domestic violence residence in the county.

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point reported that she had attended a La Center City Council meeting in November to question the haste with which the council appropriated \$50,000 for a feasibility study for a sewer treatment plant up at the 319th St. junction. She had seven questions to ask the council but their attorney stated that they would not answer the policy questions "on the fly" and that she could check on their website where they would answer them. The mayor subsequently sent her a letter stating that they would not answer her questions. She sent a letter back indicating that she expected that government should be accountable to the people whether questions and concerns were policy-oriented or not. She reported that this situation was a poor example of a "transparent" government.

Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie – Robyn announced that a business part on 117th was going in just across from Prairie H.S. and citizens were concerned about the effect it will have on High School traffic. They are still awaiting further activity from the asphalt plant.

George Vartanian, Fairgrounds – George announced that there will be hearings on the mixed use ordinance and the condemnation of 15th Avenue to legitimize Union Avenue.

Debbie Abraham, Felida – She announced that Metro Parks District raised \$87,000

Bridget Schwarz, FOCC – Bridget covered the procedure for choosing the third County Commissioner. She also reported that she utilized the juvenile system and had kids come and dig up stumps from her Xmas tree sales on her property. They made \$1500 on the sales and all proceeds go to the Humane Society.

Milada Allen, ?? – Park PUDs are being proposed. Pre applications have been filed on 40 single family dwellings - where???

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

